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Merced County Transit Extends Route 22

Merced, CA – Merced County Transit (MCT) announces the extension of Route 22 starting on January 19, 2010. Merced County Transit has worked with the University of California, Merced (UC Merced) to extend Route 22 in an effort to provide students and staff with better transportation options.

The enhanced Route 22 service starts at the UC Merced Kolligian Library, with stops at Paulson and Yosemite, the Tri College Center on G Street, Merced College, M Street and Olive, and concludes at the Merced Transpo Center. There is a return trip that departs from the Merced Transpo Center with stops at Main Street and K Street, Amtrak, M Street and Olive, Merced College, Merced College UC Parking, Tri College Center on G Street, Paulson and Yosemite, and concludes at UC Merced's Kolligian Library.

“With the extension of Route 22, we are hoping to provide UC Merced and Merced College students with a reliable and convenient travel option,” said Rod Ghearing, Transportation Manager. “The extended service route will provide students easy access to the Merced Transpo Center and Amtrak, which are destinations frequently desired by local students.”

UC Merced Students can get a free pass to ride Route 22 and all other MCT routes by going to the TAPS office in Facilities Services Bldg A and showing their valid UC Merced student ID card. UC Merced faculty and staff as well as local riders can either pay the regular MCT cash fare or purchase a MCT monthly pass for \$45.

Merced County Transit operates fixed-route services Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Merced County Transit is a joint power authority composed of the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, and Merced, as well as the County of Merced. The program is administered by the Merced County Department of Public Works-Transportation Division.

For route and schedule information, call (209) 385-7600 or visit www.mercedthebus.com.

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